(iv) Construction is 7.0 per cent per annum. Gross value added in Agriculture increased by 4.9 per cent in 1994-95 as per the Quick Estimates and 2.4 per cent in 1995-96 as per Revised Advance Estimates. The corresponding figures for the "Industry" sector are 8.3 per cent and 11.7 per cent respectively.

International Finance Corporation

2374. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Houston Energy will set up a $95 million power plant in Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the plan was finalised with the International Finance Corporation to provide long term financing;

(d) if so, the time by which work on this project is likely to be started; and

(e) the annual estimated production of this plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

LGP Connections

2375. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of LPG connections released during the last three years in Banda and Fatehpur districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the cases of under weight gas in cylinders and black marketing of cylinders have been registered in these districts during the above period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The number of LPG connections released during the last three years in Banda and Fatehpur districts of Uttar Pradesh is as below:

District	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Banda	684	2519	560
Fatehpur	600	871	203

(b) to (d). There are clearly laid down procedures to ensure correctness of the weight of LPG cylinders at the bottling plants. All LPG dealers are also under instructions to ensure checking of each and every cylinder for correct weight prior to delivery to the customers premises. As per records maintained by the LPG Marketing Companies, No Complaints regarding under-weight cylinders and black marketing of LPG cylinders has been received by them from these districts during the period. As and when specific complaints are received, they are investigated by the LPG marketing companies and if the complaint is established, appropriate action is taken against the distributor under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

[English]

Methane Gas

2376. SHRI SUNIL KHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has found coal bed methane gas at Durgapur; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to exploit it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

R.D. Schemes

2377. SHRI BANAWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI T. GOVINDAN :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of rural development schemes/ projects submitted by the Governments of Maharashtra and Kerala for approval;

(b) the details of schemes/projects approved by the Union Government so far;

(c) the time by which the remaining schemes/ projects are likely to be cleared; and

(d) the details of assistance provided by the Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (d). The status of the projects/schemes received and action taken in respect of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for Kerala and Maharashtra is given in the Statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

Details of Projects received from State Governments of Kerala and Maharashtra in respect of JRY and ARWSP

S.No.	Name of the Projects	Total Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Status of the Project/Assistance provided
JRY :			
A.	KERALA		
1.	Drought proofing, wasteland development and soil conservation measures on Priyadarshini Tea Estate of Wayanad district.	81.85	Sanctioned whole of the Central approval share of Rs. 23.70 lakhs have been released.
2.	Development of two model paddy fields in Haripad blocks of Allapuzha districts	87.86	Sanctioned. 1st instalment of Central assistance amounting to Rs. 35.15 lakhs have been released.
3.	Pampa-Manimala link canal project in Pathananthitta district.	273.88	Under Examination.
B.	MAHARASHTRA		
1.	Deepening of Bodies of Paddy farmers for improved fish farming in Saddurolli district.	300.00	Sanctioned and whole of Central assistance of Rs. 240.00 lakhs has been released.
2.	Bio-diversity conservation in Pune district.	21.56	Sanctioned and 1st instalment of Rs. 5.75 lakhs have been released.
3.	Sericulture project in Bhandara district	17.50	Sanctioned and Rs. 175 lakhs have been released.
ARWSP :			
A.	KERALA		
1.	Rural Water Supply Scheme for habitations affected with salinity Trissur district.	400.00	Proposal examined and views communicated to the State Govt. for modification of project.
2.	Rural Water Supply Scheme for habitation affected with brackishness in Trissur district.	308.0	-do-
3.	Rural Water Supply Scheme for fluoride affected habitations in Palakkad district. (two schemes)	273.0 182.50	-do-
4.	Rural Water Supply to Vypeen Island Ernakulam district).	21.11	Examined, Additional information is sought from the State.
B.	MAHARASHTRA	Nil	

Safe Drinking Water

2378. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether proposals from Andhra Pradesh for safe drinking water have been revised and decided to implement in two phases, are still pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposal are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Statement showing the details of project proposal received from the State Government and the status of action taken thereon is enclosed.